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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

William Caton
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers ("UNE Triennial Review"), CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147

Dear Mr. Caton:

NewSouth Communications, through its counsel, writes in support of the request made by the Competitive Telecommunications Association ("CompTel") and the Association for Local Telecommunications Services ("ALTS") on March 4, 2002, that the Commission adopt a protective order for use in the above-captioned *UNE Triennial Review* proceeding.

NewSouth intends to file comments in this proceeding and those comments are likely to contain commercially sensitive business information. It is appropriate that the Commission be able to fully develop the record in this proceeding, while protecting the proprietary and confidential nature of the information upon which it should be able to rely. A protective order, like the one suggested by CompTel and ALTS, would allow the Commission to obtain the evidence necessary to develop a complete record and protect these proprietary business interests.

Consistent with the Commission's rules, copies of this letter are provided for inclusion in the public record of each of the above-referenced dockets.

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